



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 6400***

LCO No. 2898

Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology

Introduced by:  
(ET)

***AN ACT CONCERNING REGISTRATION OF NATURAL GAS SELLERS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 16-258a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

3 (a) Each person that sells natural gas to an end user in the state and  
4 is not (1) a gas company, as defined in section 16-1, (2) a municipal gas  
5 utility established under chapter 101 or any other gas utility owned,  
6 leased, maintained, operated, managed or controlled by any unit of  
7 local government under any general statute or any public or special  
8 act, or (3) a gas pipeline or gas transmission company subject to the  
9 provisions of chapter 208, shall register with the Department of Public  
10 Utility Control prior to making any such sale by filing a form supplied  
11 by said department. The registration period shall be for a one-year  
12 term from October first to September thirtieth of the following year.

13 (b) Each person registered with the department shall: (1) Maintain a  
14 bond or other security for at least the specified time period or longer in  
15 amount and form approved by the department, to ensure the person's

16 financial responsibility and its supply of natural gas to end-use  
17 customers in accordance with contracts, agreements or arrangements;  
18 (2) have a contractual relationship with an entity or entities to  
19 purchase natural gas supply; (3) comply with the National Labor  
20 Relations Act and regulations, if applicable; (4) comply with the  
21 Connecticut Unfair Trade Practices Act and applicable regulations; and  
22 (5) agree to cooperate with (A) each gas company, (B) each municipal  
23 gas utility established under chapter 101 or any other gas utility  
24 owned, leased, maintained, operated, managed or controlled by any  
25 unit of local government under any general statute or special act, (C)  
26 each gas pipeline or gas transmission company subject to the  
27 provisions of chapter 208, (D) the department, and (E) all other gas  
28 suppliers in the event of an emergency condition that may jeopardize  
29 the safety and reliability of the state's natural gas system.

30 (c) Each person registered with the department shall [, at such times  
31 as the department requires but not less than] annually [,] submit to the  
32 department by August fifteenth, on a form prescribed by the  
33 department, an update of information the department deems relevant.  
34 [A registered person shall notify the department at least ten days  
35 before a change in corporate structure that affects the person.] Each  
36 registered person shall pay an annual registration fee to be determined  
37 by the department which shall not exceed the actual administrative  
38 costs of the department and provide a bond or other security as  
39 described in subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section.

40 (d) A registered person shall notify the department at least ten days  
41 before a change in corporate structure that affects the person. No  
42 registration may be transferred without the prior approval of the  
43 department. The department may assess additional registration fees to  
44 pay the administrative costs of reviewing a request for such transfer.

45 (e) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be  
46 subject to sanctions by the department in accordance with section 16-  
47 41, which may include, but are not limited to, the suspension or

48 revocation of such registration or a prohibition on accepting new  
49 customers.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>

***Statement of Purpose:***

To clarify certain provisions relating to the registration of natural gas sellers.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*